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MINERALS PROGRAM
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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Holland Shepherd, Reclamation Soils Specialist *HWS*

RE: Field Inspection, Western States Resources East Canyon Mine, DOE/037/027, San Juan County, Utah

On August 10, 1989, I visited the Mountain States Mineral site of Mike and Dick Shumway in East Canyon. I returned to this site to inspect the reclamation work that had been promised by Mike Shumway three months ago. The site had been disturbed this spring by Western States Resources in the mining of vanadium. The operator had not filed or permitted with the Division or advised the state that they were mining on this property. The property is a state section and there is a lease that Western States Resources has on the site.

We had asked Western States Resources to reclaim the entire area including a 3/4 mile road that accesses the site. As far as I could tell, the mine site itself has been reclaimed; however, only a small portion of the access road, which was considerably widened, has been reclaimed. The portion reclaimed is the bottom portion, 200 - 300 feet of which was ripped, graded and large rocks were situated on the road. The rest of the road has not been reclaimed by the operator as originally requested by the Division.

I spoke to Mike on the phone, several weeks ago, concerning the reclamation of this site. He indicated to me, at that time, that some local claim holdants were upset with the fact that we had asked him to reclaim the road; thereby, blocking access to their claim sites. He told me, at that time, that he had only reclaimed a small portion of the road. It was apparent, during my inspection, that the road is still accessible, as tire marks could be seen going up the road, even through the portion that Mike Shumway had reclaimed.

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